(c) if so, what remedial steps have been taken to save the lives of tribal people in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A programme to eradicate guineaworm diease is in operation in the guineaworm endemic States including Rajasthan. Control activities which include management of the guineaworm cases and rendering of unsafe water safe for human consumption, are implemented through the effected Primary Health Centres.

Shortage of pilots in Indian Airlines

366. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Telegraph' of 17th June, 1986 wherein it had been stated that there was shortage of pilots in the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how far it has affected the functioning of the Indian Airlines; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to take to meet the shortage of pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, the press report is not based on facts. There is at present no shortage of pilots in Indian Airlines.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Acquisition of Supersonic Commercial Jet "Concorde" on Lease

367. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideraiton to acquire the supersonic commercial jet "Concorde" on lease for operation on the Delhi-London-Delhi route;

(b) if so, the number of such aircrafts which are likely to be acquired and the terms for acquiring them; and

(c) by when these jets are likely to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Air-India have no plans to obtain "Concorde" aircraft on lease at present.

Filling up of the posts of Hindi Stenographers/clerks

368. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALICK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Stenographers/ clerks lying vacant in the Indian Airlines and Air India, separately;

(b) since when these posts have been lying vacant and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Indian Airlines no posts of Hindi Sten

graphers|clerks are lying vacant in Air India there is no post of Hindi Stenographer. No posts of Hindi clerks are lying vacant.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Committee to finalize 'Core Content' of the freedom movement

369. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee was set up to finalise the 'core content' of the freedom movement which is likely to be made a compulsory subject in the schools;

(b) whether the committee has since submitted its report; and

(c) if so, what are the broad features of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A working Group was set-up to lay down policy guidelines for graded introduction of history of the Indian freedom movement at various levels of school education and to suggest a model syllabi for study of this subject.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Working Group has recommended a general framework and guidelines for the syllabus in the history of the Indian freedom movement for various stages of school education. It has recommended the inclusion of this component in the syllabi in the subject areas of Social Studies, History, Civics and Political Science, Economics, and Languages. The recommendations cover other related aspects such as preparation of teaching materials, orientation programmes for teachers etc.

Issue of tickets in DTC buses

370. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the public transport system in the country is governed by the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, Delhi is the only metropolitan city where tickets are issued to the commuters by the conductor while sitting in a seat provided in the bus much to the inconvenience of the passengers besides creating confusion and providing opportunity to the eve-teasers and pick-pockets;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the deviation from the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act;

(c) whether in view of the experience gained, Government propose to review the entire system to make it more workable; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules framed thereunder do not specifically prohibit providing of seat for conductor. Keeping in view the special nature of commuter-traffic particularly at peak-hours and resultant paucity of moving space, the system of seating the conductor at the entrance gate has been operative in DTC to ensure purchase of tickets by every passenger.

(c) and (d) The system has already been modified to certain extent. In order to ease crowiding near the conductor, passage from the non-ticketed compartment to the ticketed compartment has been widened by removing the last seat for 3 passengers in the row in front of the conductor. This modification has improved the movement of passengers in the bus. Besides, there are standing instructions that the buses would be prebooked either by the Advance Bookers or the bus conductors before the bus starts from the originating point.